

The article to which I want to draw attention appears under the caption:

No Ottawa help for relief works—Ontario has not received "one red cent" from federal government, Croll tells legislature.

The article commences with a quotation from Mr. Croll's speech as follows:

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Bennett's relief policy is not a five cent piece—it's not a darn cent.

Now let us examine the facts.

Mr. CASGRAIN: You have to take it.

Mr. GORDON: Let us see. First in regard to direct relief expenditure prior to August 1, 1934, there was paid by the federal government to the province of Ontario \$5,227,143.98.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Order.

Mr. LAPOINTE: I submit this is not a question of privilege, it is an argument. If the minister is allowed to do that every member will have the same privilege.

Mr. BELL (Hamilton): Why do you want to shut it off?

Mr. CASGRAIN: Take your medicine.

Mr. SPEAKER: I think the hon. minister has a right to give a brief statement of the facts.

Mr. LAPOINTE: I shall have the same latitude?

Mr. SPEAKER: The hon. member for Quebec East (Mr. Lapointe) will get exactly the same treatment as any other hon. member.

Mr. GORDON: Secondly, in respect of grants in aid, from August 1, 1934, to January 31, 1935, the federal government paid to the province of Ontario the sum of \$4,250,000.

In respect of relief land settlement the federal government paid the sum of \$32,316.41, and in respect of relief works, under the 1933 act payments were made amounting to \$255,271.58 and for relief works in the year 1934, \$2,248,770.20, making a total for relief works of \$2,504,041.78, and a grand total for direct relief, grants in aid and relief works paid to the province of Ontario since the present Ontario government took office of \$12,013,502.17.

PRINTING OF ELECTORAL LISTS

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Leader of the Opposition): I think I saw the Secretary of State (Mr. Cahan) take a little slip from his vest pocket.

[Mr. Gordon.]

Hon. C. H. CAHAN (Secretary of State): The inquiry I assume is in regard to the electoral lists. The electoral lists for the 243 electoral districts comprising 5,808,684 qualified electors have been all set up in type at the government printing bureau except the lists for two polling divisions in the electoral district of Skeena which have not been received. I have not yet been able to ascertain whether these polling divisions are still in existence or not.

The electoral lists for 214 electoral districts have been printed, bound and delivered to the franchise commissioner for distribution, and distribution began, or instructions were given for distribution a week ago to-day. Lists for the 29 other electoral districts are already in type, a large number have been printed and they are at present being bound, and I trust they will be completely bound and ready for distribution during the present week.

That hon. members may appreciate the enormous amount of work involved, I may say that the type alone used in the printing of these lists, which is kept standing, amounts to 350 tons, and the paper required is a very large quantity indeed. This additional work has been performed by the printing bureau while maintaining its ordinary services for government departments and for this parliament. I think that the officials and employees of the printing bureau, both men and women, have shown a degree of interest, speed and efficiency which is entirely commendable. There are no other two or three printing establishments in the Dominion of Canada combined which could have carried through this work in the same time.

Mr. DUFF: When are you going to have the election?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Might I ask the Secretary of State how he proposes to find out whether those two missing polling subdivisions are in existence?

Mr. CAHAN: I think some Indian guides should be sent out to inquire.

Mr. McINTOSH: I think the hon. member in that riding is safe anyway.

SUPPLY

RAILWAYS AND CANALS

The house in committee of supply, Mr. Morand in the chair.

Maritime Freight Rates Act—Additional amount, in excess of the sum of \$1,440,000 already appropriated, required to provide for the payment from time to time during the